

IN THE CLAIM:

D) 1. (Currently Amended) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle, the assembly unit comprising: a bearing block having mounts each with an inner diameter; a bolt with an outer diameter less than or equal to said inner diameter; and a lever arm arranged in said bearing block pivotably around an axis of said bolt fixed in said mounts, said lever arm comprising a pedal, said bearing block having at least one section with means for opening, deforming or expanding in case of an accident as a consequence of force acting on the assembly unit, so that the bolt disengages from said mounts as a consequence of said outer diameter of said bolt being less than or equal to said inner diameter of said mounts and the acting force opening, deforming or expanding said section, said bolt having an at least two-part design comprising a first part not made in one piece with the bearing block and a second part not made in one piece with the bearing block, said first part being a separate part from said second part, each of said first part and said second part having at least one connection area on which individual first part and said second part are engaged with one another in a positive-locking and nonpositive manner.

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3. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the connection area between said individual bolt parts is an elastic snap connection.

4. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim

1, wherein said first bolt part has an end slotted at least once with hook-shaped areas facing tapering sections of said second bolt part.

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5. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 4, wherein on the end side said second bolt part has an engaging contour, behind which extend said hook-shaped areas of said first bolt part.

6. (Previously Amended) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 1, further comprising bearing elements for mounting said bolt rotatably and slidingly, said bearing elements being inserted into said mounts of said bearing block.

7. (Previously Amended) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 6, wherein said bearing elements are multilayer bearings.

8. (Previously Amended) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 6, wherein said lever arm is supported with flange-like sections at said bearing element of said bearing block on both sides when viewed in an axial direction of said bolt and said lever arm has a stop on an inner contour, said stop forming a contact surface with associated contact surfaces of said bolt.

9. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle, the assembly unit

comprising:

a lever arm;

5 a bearing block having mounts having an inner diameter and with at least one section
with section opening means for opening, deforming or expanding in case of an accident to move
said mounts apart as a consequence of force acting on the assembly unit; and

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10 a bolt having an outer diameter having a size that is less than or equal to said inner
diameter of said mounts, said bolt being fixed supported in said mounts so as to disengage from
said mounts as a consequence of the section opening, deforming or expanding from the acting
force of an accident, said lever arm being arranged in the bearing block pivotable around an axis
of said bolt, said bolt comprising a first part with an engaging contour engaged with a separate
second part with a tubular portion having an engaging contour on an inside of said second part.

10. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 9, wherein
said lever arm comprises a pedal.

11. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 9, wherein
the connection between said individual bolt parts is an elastic snap connection.

12. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 9, wherein
said first bolt part has an end slotted at least once with hook-shaped areas and a side facing said
second bolt part with tapering sections.

13. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 12, wherein on the end side said second bolt part has an inwardly directed engaging contour with said hook-shaped areas of said first bolt part extending behind said engaging contour.

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14. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 9, further comprising bearing elements for mounting said bolt rotatably and slidingly, said bearing elements being inserted into said mounts of said bearing block.

15. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 14, wherein said bearing elements are multilayer bearings.

16. (Original) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 14, wherein said lever arm is supported with flange-like sections at said bearing element of said bearing block on both sides when viewed in an axial direction of said bolt and said lever arm has a stop on an inner contour, said stop forming a contact surface with associated contact surfaces of said bolt.

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22. (New) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle, the assembly unit comprising:

a lever arm;

a bearing block having a first mount and a second mount;

10 a first bearing element supported at said first mount and having an a first bearing inner diameter;

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15 accident expansion means associated with at least one section of said bearing block, said accident expansion means for opening, deforming or expanding said section in case of an accident as a consequence of force acting on the assembly unit and for moving said first mount with respect to said second mount;

20 a bolt comprising a first bolt part mounted in said first bearing with a mount support end having an outer diameter of a size less than or equal to said first mount inner diameter and with a separate second part mounted in said second bearing with a mount support end having an outer diameter of a size less than or equal to said second bearing inner diameter allowing said bolt to disengage from said bearings as a consequence of the section opening, deforming or expanding from the acting force of an accident, said first bolt part having an engaging contour and said second bolt part having an engaging contour forming a bolt connection, said first bolt
25 part engaging contour engaging said second part engaging contour to connect said first bolt part to said second bolt part to form said bolt with said lever arm being arranged in the bearing block pivotable around said bolt, said bolt having a recess contact surface and said lever arm

having a stop on an inner contour, said stop forming a stop contact surface with said recess contact surface of said bolt.

23. (New) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 22, wherein said lever arm comprises a pedal.

24. (New) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 22, wherein the connection between said individual bolt parts is an elastic snap connection.

25. (New) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 24, wherein said first bolt part has an engaging contour with end slotted at least once with hook-shaped areas at a side facing said second bolt part with tapering sections and said second bolt part has an engaging contour with hook-shaped areas of said first bolt part extending behind said engaging contour.

26. (Previously Presented) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 22, further comprising a flange-like section at each said bearing element of said bearing block.